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FLEET OF U. S. DESTROYERS OPERATING IN THE ATLANTIC

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ONE SHIP DID CONVOY DUTY ON THE WAY OVER

A Crowd of Several Hundred Persons on the Water Front at Queenstown Greeted the Flotilla With Cheers—In Answer to British Commander's Query: "When Will You be Ready to Start?" the American Commander Replied Promptly: "We Can Start at Once"—British Admiralty Has Announced That a Brush Has Occurred Between an American Destroyer and a German U-Boat—Have Been Cooperating With Allied Navy Since May 4th.

Queenstown, May 16, 9:11 p. m.—A squadron of American torpedo boat destroyers has safely crossed the Atlantic and is patrolling the seas on war service. The American navy's actual entry into the war zone has already been productive of a brush between a destroyer and a German undersea boat, according to an announcement by the British admiralty, but the result of it has not been made public.

The destroyer squadron arrived in Queenstown after an uneventful voyage across the Atlantic, but almost immediately after a formal exchange of greetings with the British naval officials, put to sea again for the hard work that is before it.

Cheered by Crowds. A crowd of several hundred persons, some of them carrying tiny American flags, lined the waterfront and cheered the destroyers from the moment they first sighted the flotilla until it reached the dock. The crowd cheered again when a few moments later the American senior officers came ashore to greet the British senior officer and Wesley Frost, the American consul, who had come down to the dock to welcome the flotilla.

The commander of the British flotilla was waiting on board his ship and sent wireless greetings to the American units as they moved in sight. After the exchange of shore greetings, and the British commander had congratulated the American officers on their safe voyage, he asked: "When will you be ready for business?"

Ready to Start at Once. "We can start at once," the American commander replied promptly. This response, so characteristically American, surprised the British commander, who said he had not expected the American units to be ready to begin work on this side so soon after their long voyage. When he had recovered from his surprise, he made a short tour of the destroyers and admitted that the American task looked promising.

The equipment on board the destroyers was found to be in excellent condition and remarkably well suited to the requirements of this side of the ocean. In fact, the British officer said that the only thing lacking in the equipment of the American sailors was heavier clothing. This lack, however, was quickly provided for.

After the formalities had ended and the needs of the men were attended to the American ships at once put out to sea. The men were in the pink of condition and apparently enthusiastic for their task.

One Escorted Passenger Steamer. One of the American destroyers began war duty even before reaching this side of the Atlantic. This was when it picked up and escorted through the danger zone one of the largest of the Atlantic liners.

A credit of \$45,000,000 to Belgium also was established today by Secretary McAdoo, the sum to be drawn in six monthly installments of \$7,500,000 each. This marked Belgium's first participation in the loan to the allies and brought the total of sums advanced and credit established by the government to \$670,000,000 within the three weeks.

co-operation between the naval forces of the United States and those of the other nations at war with Germany. Plans formulated after reports from Rear Admiral Sims, made as a result of his conferences with the British and French admiralties, are now being executed.

It has been the purpose of the United States navy to give the largest measure of assistance to the other countries at war with Germany that is consistent with the full and complete protection of our own coasts and territorial waters.

No Reports of Engagements. The navy department has received no reports that engagements have occurred between the United States vessels and the enemy.

The destroyers have proved the most efficient foe of submarines. More than fifty new boats, swifter, more powerful and more accurate than the old type, have been built with all possible haste.

Closely Guarding Plans. The department is guarding closely its plans for sending other units in addition to the British and French fleets. Destroyers and cruisers are being sent to the Atlantic coast, while the big ships are held in readiness to meet any attempt by the enemy to break through the surface of the sea. The American battle fleet stands as an additional line behind the mighty armada the allies can fling into such a fight.

LOANS MADE TO RUSSIA AND BELGIUM YESTERDAY \$100,000,000 to the former, \$45,000,000 to the latter—Loans to Entente Allies Now Total \$670,000,000.

Washington, May 16.—The government today made its first loan to Russia, \$100,000,000.

The money was loaned to be spent as needed, without stipulation or understanding of any sort further than Russia stands back of the obligation, will make it good and will spend the money in the country under the supervision of a representative of the treasury department or a commission to be named by the government.

The latter stipulation was made in a spirit of co-operation, without intending to embarrass the Russian government or to curtail its purchasing powers, but with the end in view that Russia will secure the maximum benefit from the money loaned to it.

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Cabled Paragraphs

Cambridge University Honors Page. London, May 16, 5:06 p. m.—Cambridge University today conferred honorary degrees on Walter H. Page, the American ambassador, and Gen. Jan Christian Smuts, the South African commander. Laudatory addresses in Latin were made in conferring the degrees and the recipients, who were cheered loudly, broke precedent by making speeches of acknowledgment.

DISTINGUISHED MEN TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF JOSEPH H. CHAOTE. Representatives of Foreign Governments as Well as of This Country.

New York, May 16.—Distinguished representatives of foreign governments, as well as many of the most prominent men of this country, are expected to attend the funeral here tomorrow of Joseph H. Choate, former ambassador to Great Britain and dean of the American bar. The Right Rev. C. H. Brent, Protestant Episcopal bishop of the Philippines, will officiate.

Condolence from President Wilson. Washington, May 16.—President Wilson today sent the following letter to Mr. Choate: "My dear Mr. Choate: May I not join in expressing what I believe to be the grief of the whole nation at the death of your honored and long life as a great shock to me, and I am deeply sorry to my most heartfelt sympathy."

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President is to Control Commerce

VESTED WITH POWER IN NEW SHIPMENT BILL

MAY USE ARMED FORCES

Measure Covers Both Interstate and Foreign Commerce During the War—Penalty of \$10,000 Fine and Five Years Imprisonment.

Washington, May 16.—A provision empowering the president to use the nation's armed forces to prevent any obstruction of the orderly conduct of movement of interstate or foreign commerce was introduced in the senate today by the bill.

Introduced in Senate and House. Immediately afterward the revised measure was introduced in the house by Representative Adamson, replacing the original measure presented yesterday by Representative Webb.

A severe penalty provided. One provision added to the preferential shipment section would make it a misdemeanor for any person to obstruct the movement of interstate commerce by any carrier or its employees to fail to comply promptly with a presidential order.

HENRY B. MARTIN TESTIFIES IN RINTEL CONSPIRACY CASE Did Not Knowingly Use German Money in Anti-Munitions Campaign.

New York, May 16.—Conceding that he had spent all the money he could get for the anti-munitions campaign, Henry B. Martin, secretary of the American Anti-Frost League, today testified that he had not knowingly used German money in furthering the work of the National Rintel Conspiracy.

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Senate Criticizes Executive Branch

WHILE CONSIDERING THE \$390,000,000 WAR BUDGET

NO PROGRESS MADE

The Council of National Defense, the Shipping Board and President Wilson All Were Assailed During Turbulent Session.

Washington, May 16.—In considering today the \$390,000,000 war budget, the senate devoted the entire session to sweeping criticism of the executive branch of the government.

Targets of Senatorial Wrath. The Council of National Defense, its composed of cabinet officers, its civilian advisory commission and the government shipping board, were special targets of senatorial wrath and criticism.

Limits Powers of Defense Council. The upshot of the entire discussion was adoption of an amendment by which the powers of the defense council would be limited.

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San Antonio, Texas, May 16.—There will be no cavalry regiments in the new national army to be raised under the new bill, according to Anthony Spaulding, an assistant censor of cables at the press bureau, London, for passing information calculated to be useful to the enemy.

Condensed Telegrams

John D. Rockefeller subscribed \$500,000 to the "Liberty Loan."

Ministers of Cleveland will have ringside seats at boxing matches in the future.

A large aeroplane factory near Koppenick in the outskirts of Berlin, was destroyed by fire.

The allied bazaar committee set aside \$62,000 for the relief suffering in the nations of the Allied Entente.

Roland S. Morris of Philadelphia was virtually decided upon by President Wilson for ambassador to Japan.

The British steamer Crescival is in drydock at St. John's, N. F., as a result of striking an iceberg off Cape Race.

The safe in the postoffice at Leicester, N. Y., was dynamited by robbers, who escaped with \$500 in money and stamps.

S. O. S. calls and open boats loaded with men are being used by German submarines to attack Allied ships to their destruction.

Bagdad is open to international correspondence. The rate is the same as other offices in Mesopotamia.

A contract was awarded to a New York company for the construction of 177 buildings in Chickamauga Park by June 15.

Police Chief Hanse, of Freeport, L. I., saw a theatrical poster of a girl in a police officer's uniform. He got some green paint and gave her a coat.

Owing to a general strike of the workers all American packing interests in Uruguay have closed their plants. Five thousand men are out.

The British War Office of Works, in outlining work to be done after the coming of the summer, said that it will be declared in the summer next year.

Frost during Tuesday night was reported yesterday in the upland sections of Washington, so severe in some places as to damage garden truck.

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